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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-PNG NEGOTIATIONS

REF: PORT MORESBY 306

1. FOLLOWING TEXT OF OFFICIAL INFORMAL LETTER FROM
JAMES R. ATWOOD, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTA-
TION TO THE AMBASSADOR. QUOTE. I AM SORRY EARLIER CABLE
TRAFFIC CONCERNING CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAPUA
NEW GUINEA WAS MISLEADING BUT SEVERAL FACTORS HAVE CAUSED
US TO MOVE MORE SLOWLY IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PNG THAN
ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

(PARA) BECAUSE OF CONTINUING HEAVY NEGOTIATIONS, IT WAS
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APPARENT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO MOVE FORWARD OUR NEGOTIATIONS
PLANS WITH PNG WAS TO HAVE THE EMBASSY CONDUCT THESE TALKS.
HOWEVER, THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD WAS NOT COMPLETELY
SOLD ON THIS PROPOSAL. AFTER INTERMITTANT DISCUSSIONS,
FINAL CONSENSUS ON HOW TO PROCEED WAS THAT REFLECTED IN
STATE 45429. IN PART THIS NEED FOR A SLOWER APPROACH ON A
ROUTE EXCHANGE IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE CAB STAFF CON-

CERNED WITH THE PACIFIC AREA IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ONGOING

NEGOTIATIONS WITH FIVE COUNTRIES (JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI AND THE PHILIPPINES), ALL DEMANDING MARKET

THE NEGOTIATION OF A TEXT CAN PROCEED AND BY THE TIME IT IS COMPLETED, I AM SURE THAT WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ROUTE EXCHANGE. IN THE MEANTIME, OF COURSE, YOU COULD OBTAIN A SPECIFIC ROUTE EXCHANGE PROPOSAL FROM PNG AND TRANSMIT IT TO US.

(PARA) YOU WILL PROBABLY FIND THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXT ARE NOT A SIMPLE EXERCISE. THE US FORMAT MAY DIFFER FROM GPNG'S NORMAL MODE OF OPERATIONS IN REGARDS TO AVIATION. HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEGREE TO WHICH PNG ACCEPTS OUR TEXT COULD CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH WE COULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN THE DISCUSSION OF ROUTES.

(PARA) I WISH SUCCESS IN YOUR NEGOTIATIONS. I AND MY STAFF LOOK FORWARD TO BEING OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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